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SUBJECT: FINANCE MINISTER SUBRAMANIAM MAKES STATEMENT ON
US AID TO INDIA

ON MARCH 9 FINANCE MINISTER SUBRAMANIAM MADE A BRIEF
STATEMENT TO THE RAJYA SABHA (UPPER HOUSE) REGARDING US AID TO
INDIA. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY
SAMACHAR THAT WAS CARRIED IN THE INDIAN PRESS, SUBRAMANIAM
SAID QUOTE THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO AMERICAN BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE TO INDIA SINCE 1972, NOR HAD THE GOVERNMENT
ASKED FOR IT. THE GOVERNMENT HAD SEEN REPORTS THAT THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DID NOT PROPOSE RESUMING AID
TO INDIA THIS YEAR UNQUOTE. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION WHY THE
USG DECIDED TO STOP AID TO INDIA, THE MINISTER
REPORTEDLY SAID: QUOTE IT IS FOR THE US TO
DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD OFFER AID TO OTHER COUNTRIES.
AS FOR INDIA, IT IS NOT OUR POLICY TO BASE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH
THE US, OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY, ON THE CONCEPT OF AID, BUT
RATHER ON SELF-RELIANCE UNQUOTE.SAXBE

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